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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION -- CHAIRMAN'S PRIVATE
VIEWS ON KEY ISSUES

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1. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR LAGOS, VIDAR HELLNERS, CALLED ON EMBASSY FEBRUARY 17 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF A NIGERIAN TO 'INVESTIGATE' HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN UGANDA. ACCORDING TO HELLNERS, COMMISSION CHAIRMAN M'BAYE TOLD SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE THAT UGANDANS 'WOULD ACCEPT' A UN-APPOINTED INVESTIGATOR PROVIDED IT WERE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA. EMBOFF INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT WE UNDERSTOOD M'BAYE HAD SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF A FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA PERFORMING SUCH A ROLE. WE ALSO PROVIDED HIM NAMES AND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON ELIAS AND UDOMA REPORTED REFTEL A.

2. SIR DARNLEY, ARTHUR ALEXANDER IS CURRENT CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA. HE IS A BRITISH WEST INDIAN WHO HAS SERVED AS CIVIL SERVANT AND JUDGE IN NIGERIA SINCE 1959. APPOINTED TO SUCCEED ELIAS IN 1975, HE REPORTEDLY HOLDS THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH FMG AND WAS ALLEGEDLY SELECTED BECAUSE NO NORTHERNER WAS
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AVAILABLE FOR JOB AND NORTHERN DOMINATED GOVERNMENT DID NOT WANT A SOUTHERN CHIEF JUSTICE. WE DOUBT THAT IT IS SIR DARNLEY THAT M'BAYE HAS IN MIND.
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